**CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS 2023**

There are four passages in the Bible that are often referenced as “obvious” Christological” passages: John 1:1-14,

Colossians 1:15-20, Philippians 2:5-11, and Hebrews 1:1-4. As we have seen in Jesus’ day, there was much confusion about “Who is this Jesus”? The same seems to be true today. As we begin the Christmas season, might we all take the time to understand more fully Who He is and what His coming actually means. As you study each day, please begin with prayer asking the Lord to speak to you through His Word.

**DAY ONE: Read John 1:1-14.**

1. Please list several things that you learn about Who Jesus truly is from verses 1-13.
2. From v.12, what does Jesus do for the one that believes in Him and receives Him?
3. Will you specifically look at v.14 and what does John testify about Jesus Christ?
4. Will you stop and take the time to pray through what you learned about the Lord in these verses and praise Him and worship Him?

**DAY TWO: Read Philippians 2:5-11.**

1. From v.5-8, how would you describe the phrase that Jesus “made Himself nothing”?
2. From v.9-11, how did God respond?
3. Will you spend time praying, thanking the Lord for His willingness “to become nothing” and to go to the cross? Will you ask Him to help you have “His mind”…the mind of Christ?

**DAY THREE: Read Colossians 1:15-20.**

1. List the descriptive words or phrases Paul uses to describe Jesus.
2. Which of these is new to you? Or perhaps one you had forgotten?
3. Will you spend the time praying through this description of Jesus, praising Him for Who He is and for what He is like?

**DAY FOUR: Read Hebrews 1:1-4.**

1. From these 4 verses, please list what is unique about the Lord Jesus.
2. Based on these verses, where is Jesus right now?
3. Will you spend time praying through these unique characteristics of the Lord and praise Him for what He is like?

**DAY FIVE:**

1. Give one fact from the following prophecies that was fulfilled in the birth of the Lord Jesus.
   1. Genesis 49:8-12\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Isaiah 7:14\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   3. Isaiah 9:6-7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   4. Micah 5:2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   5. Isaiah 9:6-7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   6. Jeremiah 33:15\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What possible reasons might God the Father have had in calling His prophets to give out these prophecies even hundreds of years before Jesus came?
2. What does this tell you about Almighty God?

**DAY SIX: Read Luke 2:1-20.**

1. From Luke 2:1-7, list some of the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus.
2. How did the emperor play a part in God’s plan without knowing it?
3. Mary and Joseph were told there was “no room” for them in the inn. How can a person today have “no room” for Jesus?
4. Shepherds had a bad reputation in Israel; they were regarded as dishonest and unreliable. Describe the shepherds’ response to the glorious news that the long awaited Messiah had been born.

**DAY SEVEN: Read Luke 2:1-20.**

1. How have you personally responded to the coming of this One named Jesus? (Include what difference His Coming has made/ makes in your life.)
2. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Tell various ways the Christmas story demonstrates these verses in Isaiah.
3. If asked why you celebrate Christmas, how would you respond?
4. How has your love and appreciation for the Lord Jesus deepened as a result of the Gospel of Luke this year? (Please refer to specific passages if possible.)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**